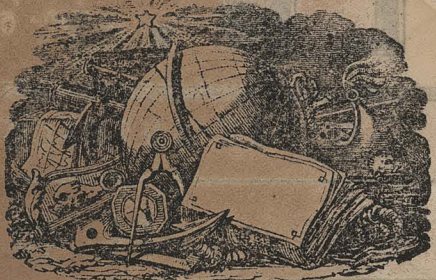






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## THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION.

No subject during the present session of Congress has so much excited the public mind, as the bill of Senator Douglas, to settle the vexatious question of Congressional intervention upon the subject of slavery in the Territories. This unusual interest, so manifestly demonstrated in the Southern country, is not at all surprising, when we reflect how much we have at stake. Involving as it does, the great Democratic principle of non-intervention, it is natural for us to watch its success with uncommon solicitude. The passage of Senator Douglas' bill under its amended form, will be the final establishment of the principles of non-intervention by Congress, and the regaining of that constitutional right taken from the South by the compromise of 1820.

It is then with feelings of surprise that we notice the disposition of certain Whig journals through the Southern country, to throw cold water upon this all important principle of Southern rights. Some, under pretence of a sacred reverence of the Missouri compromise (which has always been violently opposed by the South), others, under the conviction that the Nebraska and Kansas territories are valueless to the South (as slave labor can never be profitably expended there) would have us believe that this whole subject was nothing more than a bugbear, destined to bring about worse revolutions than we witnessed only a few years ago.

We do not consider it our place to observe with such strictness a compromise so unjust in its provisions, and one, too, so often violated by its framers and advocates when their purposes could be effected. It was a free soil measure at first, and should have been countenanced by the Southern people, much less brought up as a reason for opposition to the Nebraska bill. It is a matter of record that the men most conspicuous for the adoption of the Missouri compromise were the very first to disclaim the extension of the line 36° 30' to the Pacific Ocean, if then it is so palpable that its framers only observed it, when it was their interest to do so, we see no necessity for our observing it at all.

As for the second objection—that it will be of no advantage to the South if the bill is passed, we answer that it is not to the point at issue to calculate whether Nebraska and Kansas will be free or slave states. The bill says nothing about this. It only wishes to leave to the people of the respective territories, whether slavery shall exist within their limits; when admitted as a State or not, or in other words, to take it from Congress to those more immediately interested in it. There cannot be one single constitutional objection to this, and its adoption will tend more to the preservation of the Union than anything else.

Too long and too much has the subject of slavery been agitated in the Congress of the United States, and we cannot too soon remove it. It has been the cause of more strife, sectional feeling, and vituperation than all the political differences human flesh was ever heir to.

Mr. Douglas deserves the warmest thanks of the Southern people, for the very able and decided stand he has taken upon this subject, and will no doubt reap his reward at their hands. He even now stands forth as a prominent candidate for the next Presidency.

By to-day's mail we learn that there has been an advance on Cotton.

Owing to the sickness of Judge Shortridge, there was no court held at Elyton, Jefferson county, this week.

On Friday night the 24th inst., the Steamers Sam Dale and Ambassador were entirely destroyed by fire, while they were lying at the wharf in Mobile.

Both of the boats were insured, partly by the Mobile insurance offices, the remainder by the Western offices. As they were on the point of leaving for the up country, a large amount of freight was lost. The iron safe and papers of the Ambassador were saved, but nothing on board the Dale was saved, the destruction was so rapid.

Several other steamers were damaged, and had it not been for the active measures of their chief officers they would have probably shared the fate of the Dale and Ambassador. We have not heard of any lives lost which is the only fortunate circumstance connected with the sad affair.

## Editorial Miscellany.

**GOOD IDEA.**—The *Scientific American* proposes as an improvement for the benefit of railway travellers, to have a broad board inside of and at the end of each carriage, on which will be painted the names of stations, &c., in order of arrival—these names to be covered with slides so arranged that on approaching each place its name could be uncovered, and thus announce quietly and certainly without confusion. It would also facilitate the conveniences of travellers and save the conductors breath and temper, if the same slide should exhibit the amount of time allowed for stoppage at each place.

**REJECTED.**—The nomination of George Saunders, consul to London, was rejected in the Senate on Tuesday, by a large vote.

**ELECTED.**—G. A. Pearce, on the 14th inst., was elected by the Legislature of Maryland U. S. Senator from that State.

**OPPOSED.**—Senator Houston is the only Senator who voted against the confirmation of Gen. Gadsden as Minister to Mexico. He is also opposed to the Nebraska bill.

**OPPOSED TO IT.**—The House on the 17th refused to concur in the joint resolutions of the Senate proposing amendments to the constitution, striking out so much as refers to the election by the people, of the Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Judges of the Supreme court and Chancellors, Attorney General, and Solicitors, leaving nothing but the proposition to submit the "question of biennial elections and Annual Sessions of the Legislature."

**ADJOURNED.**—The Legislature of Georgia adjourned on the 10th inst. It will be left to a vote of the people, whether the Capitol be removed to Macon or not.

## CAPTIONS OF ACTS.

PASSED BY THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE—SESSION OF 1853 AND 1854.

(Continued from first page.)

139. An act to amend the charter of the town of Marion, in Perry county.

140. An act to amend the road law so far as it relates to Choctaw county.

141. An act to authorize the trustees of the sixteenth section in the township 17, range 6, east, to substitute certain notes for others, heretofore taken, and for other purposes, for a part of the sixteenth section.

142. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Coosa and Chattahoochee Rail Road Company, approved January 6, 1852.

143. An act to amend the several acts incorporating the town of Tusculum, in the county of Franklin.

144. An act to amend an act of the assembly of the State of Alabama to the Congress of the United States, concerning the account of James Rumph.

145. An act to incorporate the West Point, Georgia and Tennessee River Rail Road Company.

146. An act to incorporate the village of Spring Hill, in the county of Barbour, and for other purposes.

147. An act giving the Court of Probate jurisdiction to compel the administrator or executor of a deceased executor, administrator or guardian to settle the accounts of his testator or intestate as the case may be.

148. An act to amend the charter of the town of Huntsville.

149. An act to aid the Southern Military Academy of Chambers county.

150. An act to compensate Jesse Comelander.

151. An act to provide a record of marks and brands for Washington county.

152. An act for the relief of the Tax Assessor of the counties of Randolph, Tallapoosa and Cherokee.

153. An act to incorporate the Glennville Rail Road Company.

154. An act to establish a Medical Board in Russell county.

155. An act to regulate the sale of real and personal property by executors and administrators.

156. An act to repeal part of an act to regulate the corporation of the town of Fayetteville, approved February 5, 1852.

157. An act to authorize the apportioner or the different districts of Pickens county to appoint overseers, and for other purposes therein named.

158. An act to amend an act incorporating the town of Tuskegee, in Macon county.

159. An act to incorporate the Eufaula Insurance Company.

160. An act to make protests of notaries and other authorized persons evidence in certain cases.

161. An act to repeal in part an act to increase the pay of jurors in certain counties therein named, approved December 21, 1837.

162. An act to amend the fourth division of section 1738, of the Code of Alabama.

163. An act to regulate the Harbour Master and Port Wardens of the Port of Mobile.

164. An act to repeal section 2461 and to amend sections 2464 and 2466 of the Code of Alabama.

165. An act for the relief of Leroy Napier.

166. An act to increase the salaries of certain officers therein named.

167. An act for the relief of Geo. Green.

168. An act to amend section 3046, 1189, 3046, and 3043, of the code of Alabama in their application to the county of Madison.

169. An act to extend the boundaries of the town of Decatur in Morgan county, and for other purposes.

170. Memorial of the Legislature of Alabama on the subject of a mail route between Montevallo and Chattanooga.

171. An act to incorporate Pickensville Academy.

172. An act to amend section 3440 of the Code of Alabama.

173. An act to amend the charter of the Gainesville Female Academy.

174. An act to regulate the Circuit Court of the county of Choctaw.

175. An act to provide for the re-survey of the town of Greenville in the county of Butler.

176. Joint resolutions on the subject of the boundary between the States of Alabama and Georgia.

177. An act to amend the law in relation to attachments against Foreign Corporations.

178. An act to establish a Company Boat with less than forty privates in Blount county, and for other purposes.

179. An act for the purpose of establishing an election precinct in the county of Marion and for other purposes.

180. An act to authorize the Bank of Mobile, the Southern and Northern Banks of Alabama to issue bills of a less denomination than five dollars.

181. An act to amend section 397 of the Code.

182. An act for the relief of the Hon. D. G. Ligon.

183. An act for the relief of the Executor of E. Thomas deceased, late of Cherokee county.

184. An act to authorize Courts of County Commissioners to establish, abolish and change the places of voting in election precincts.

185. An act in relation to the taxes in Mobile county.

186. An act to incorporate the Opelika and Talladega Rail Road Company.

187. An act to incorporate the town of Opelika.

188. An act to amend the charter of the Lafayette Branch Rail Road Company.

189. An act to authorize the Governor to issue a Land Patent to Alfred Griffin, of Jefferson county.

190. An act to give the election of County Treasurer of Chambers county to the people.

191. An act to amend the road law in reference to Perry county.

192. An act to repeal in part an act to make the County Treasurer of Madison county, and others, elected by the people, approved January 15, 1852.

193. An act for the relief of Ezekiel Gore, late Tax Collector of Pickens county.

194. An act to authorize the construction of a Plank or Shell Road along the bay of Mobile.

195. An act to incorporate the Selma Insurance and Trust Company.

196. An act to divide Elizabeth B. Simmonds from her husband, Edward Simmonds.

197. An act to constitute Seaborn W. and Samuel B. Harvill, liners, &c.

198. An act to amend section 2020, of the Code of Alabama.

199. An act to compensate Erasmus W. Mathew, agent for the State of Alabama, for locating certain lands.

200. An act to pay Harrell Hobdy a certain sum of money.

201. An act to amend section 917, of the Code of Alabama, relating to pilotage.

202. An act to authorize the Probate Court of Montgomery county to receive the claim of the estate of Wm. C. Wright, deceased.

203. An act to increase the pay of the Marshal of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

204. A joint memorial to the Congress of the United States.

205. An act for the payment of a certain claim vs. the State.

206. Memorial and joint resolution in regard to public lands.

207. An act further to amend the charter of the Mobile Navigation and Mutual Insurance Company.

208. An act to incorporate the Bellville Male and Female Academy, and for other purposes.

209. An act for the relief of James May, of the county of Pike.

210. An act for the relief of James Lumpkin, an Indian.

211. An act for the relief of Wm. M. Jones, of Montgomery county.

212. An act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors upon the waters of the Tennessee river within one mile of Brown's ferry.

213. An act to fix the boundary line between the counties of Cherokee and Benton.

214. An act to authorize the loan of cadet muskets to a certain Academy.

215. An act to authorize the administrator on the estate of James J. Pleasants, deceased, late of the county of Madison, to make credits of said decedents therein mentioned.

216. An act to regulate the sale of 16th section, township 14, and range 24, of Macon county.

217. An act to declare Henry Creswell a line between the counties of Talladega and Benton, and for other purposes.

218. An act to authorize the Probate Judge of Madison county to act as guardian in certain cases.

219. An act to authorize Mrs. Mary Marshall, administratrix of Abram Marshall, deceased, to sell certain real estate therein named.

220. An act for the relief of Patrick May.

221. An act to incorporate the Alabama river Pilots association.

222. An act to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Waterloo in the county of Lauderdale.

223. An act to extend the charter of the Alabama Life Insurance and Trust Company at Mobile.

224. An act to authorize Lewis Gholson, administrator in right of his wife, to remove certain property to the county of Autauga.

225. An act to repeal certain acts therein named.

226. An act in relation to the officers of the Penitentiary.

227. An act for the relief of James Williams, appropriating \$114 to the Tax Collector of Franklin county.

228. An act to repeal section 2467 of the Code.

229. An act to amend the School Law of Mobile county.

230. An act to regulate the election and compensation of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in the county of Covington.

231. An act to regulate the practice in Justices' Courts, in DeKalb county.

232. An act to authorize the executors of Claiborne Myers, deceased, to remove the administration of said estate from Autauga county to Montgomery county.

233. An act requiring Justices of the Peace and Constables of Lowndes county in their respective beats, to act as apportioners and supervisors of roads, and for other purposes.

234. An act to amend the charter of the Gainesville and Mississippi Railroad Company.

235. An act to lay off Cherokee and Lauderdale counties in four Commissioners' Districts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

236. An act to furnish the Judge of Probate of Coffee county with the Alabama Reports.

237. An act to increase the compensation of commissioners' court of Russell and other counties.

238. An act to regulate the pay of jurors and witnesses in Dale county, &c.

239. An act to repeal section 2502, of the Code, and to modify the operations of the statute of limitations.

240. An act for the relief of John G. Hall.

241. An act to authorize John C. Whitsett and Benjamin Borden to erect gates across a road therein named.

242. Joint resolutions proposing a session of West Florida to Alabama.

243. An act to incorporate the German Fusiliers' Benevolent Society of Mobile.

244. An act to incorporate the Broad St. Hotel Company of Selma.

245. An act to fix the pay of the Judge of Probate and Sheriff of Dale and Henry counties.

246. An act to amend the road law in the counties of Pickens, Autauga, Dale, Henry and Dallas.

247. An act to amend and explain the charter of the Mobile and Spring Hill Shell Road company.

248. An act to authorize the County court commissioners of Cherokee county to make settlement with the Building committee of the town of Centre, and for other purposes.

249. An act to amend the city charter of Montgomery and for other purposes.

250. An act to change the time of taking up the State Docket for Montgomery county.

251. An act for the relief of Matt. Gayle and William T. Minter.

252. An act to provide for the registration of Steamboat Owners.

253. An act to amend the law in relation to the failure of Circuit Judges and Chancellors to hold their respective courts.

254. An act to incorporate the Hydropathic Medical Institute of Alabama.

255. An act better to regulate the practice of medicine under the Botanic system of this State.

256. An act to provide for the election of County Treasurer of Henry and Dale counties.

257. An act to incorporate the Grand Temple of Honor of the State of Alabama and its Subordinates.

258. An act for the relief of James Martin, Tax Collector for Dale county.

259. Joint resolutions in relation to the claim of the State against Nathan L. to the art.

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